

## The Passing of Chief Judge Gary L. Lancaster, Western District of PA

The Honorable Gary L. Lancaster, Chief U.S. District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania, died unexpectedly at his home Wednesday evening, April 24, 2013.

Judge Lancaster was a native of Brownsville, PA and was appointed to the federal court by President Clinton in December 1993. He became chief judge of the Western District of Pennsylvania in September 2009.

He earned his bachelor's degree from Slippery Rock College in 1971 and his law degree from the University of Pittsburgh in 1974. Prior to his career in the federal judiciary, he served as regional counsel for the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission and assistant district attorney in Allegheny County until 1978. After several years in private practice, he was appointed as U.S. Magistrate Judge in October 1987.

Chief Judge Lancaster will be greatly missed by his judicial colleagues and other members of the federal court family throughout the nation. Please see the link below for additional information.

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